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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/082,870	SCHNITZER, MARK J.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	William Jung	3737

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed October 3, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

After further consideration, examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicant's response. Takahashi et al's compounded GRIN lenses have varied refractive index, which causes different pitch. The exact written disclosure is not needed to since the refractive index inherently disclose that Takahashi et al could produce and two different pitch, ~~there~~ ^{therefore} the claims 1 and 13 are anticipated. The reasoning for rejection is identical to the previous office and the rejection is repeated below. *8/26/05*

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al (US 4,916,534).

Takahashi et al substantially disclose all claimed features in claims 1-21.

Claims 1, 11, and 13: Takahashi et al disclose an optical system where the system is an endoscopic optical imaging system having first and second ends, the probe consisting a GRIN lens 40 configured to carry illumination light over at least a distance as long as the length of the probe, the first end positioned to receive the illumination light from the first optical aperture, and

a detector configured to measure emitted light characteristic from the first end in response to multi-photon absorption events produced by the illumination light and producing an output signal for a multi-photon image (col. 2, lines 6-19; col. 3, lines 16-20; col. 9, lines 47-65; col. 10, lines 25-42). Although Takahashi et al do not explicitly disclose compound GRIN lens configuration, Takakashi et al show in figure 17 where the GRIN lenses 40 and 41 are substantially compounded with varied refractive index, i.e. each lens having different pitch (col. 9, lines 47-53). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to render Takahashi et al's GRINS lens formation as being compounded with different pitch.

Claims 2 and 3: Takahashi et al disclose further where the GRIN lens is coupled to a prism 9 with pitch length about the length of the lens (col. 4, lines 31-46).

Claims 4-8, 12, 16, and 21: Takahashi et al disclose a relay GRIN lens and an objective GRIN lens connected serially (col. 9, lines 47-65).

Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, and 17-20: Takahashi et al disclose measuring if intensity and or phase of the emitted response received from the light emitted region. In addition, Takahashi et al disclose that the light source may be pulses of laser light (col. 8, line 43-col. 10 line 24).

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William Jung, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-4739. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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